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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Dissemination of TALENT Photographic
Materials to [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : SAPC-21403, 19 November 1957

1. This memorandum seeks to answer the third question of referenced memorandum and to indicate what is being done about the points that you raised.

Schedule for Processing Duplicate
Materials on [REDACTED] Missions

2. I attach for your reference a copy of ARC Minute 53 dated 3 September 1957, TCS-1932-57 (Tab A), which outlines the order in which the community would prefer additional duplicate materials on the [REDACTED] and the order within each mission for production to the various materials including tracker. You will note that [REDACTED] was present at this meeting. The explanation for the fact that the mission order is not in chronological order is that the consumers were advising in terms of their greatest interests.

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3. At this point, the responsibility for production of materials for [REDACTED] moved to [REDACTED] supervision.

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4. Subsequent to the meeting of 3 September, I investigated with [REDACTED] in an exchange of cables a rumor which I had picked up from some returning US firemen to the effect that [REDACTED] preferred duplicate negatives rather than prints. I queried [REDACTED] 24 September [REDACTED] and on 27 September received their reply [REDACTED] that duplicate negatives were preferred. I orally reported same to [REDACTED] who indicated that he would place this request with [REDACTED] but not cancel the print inasmuch as it could be made without any trouble at all.

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5. In the message [REDACTED] of 27 September, a request was made for selected prints of highlights. At about the same time, OSI was requesting materials for the TALENT-ELINT conference to precede the electronic conference. These materials were gathered together and shipped (outgoing cable listing contents: [REDACTED] 23 Oct, Tab B).

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6. Explanation in a nutshell on the failure to have provided [REDACTED] prints or duplicate negatives up to this point is that within its schedule of production until very recently Eastman has not gotten around to making the materials.

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7. A duplicate negative is available now on 6008 and 2040. These will be dispatched promptly. In addition, I have requested HTAUTOMAT (and they have agreed that it will not discommode them seriously to forward [REDACTED] the HTAUTOMAT duplicate negatives which they now hold for their own use: 4035, 4036, 4039, 4045, 4048, 4049, 4050, 4058, and 4059.

8. In addition, there are prints available on 4050, 4058, 4059, and 6008. These likewise will be dispatched as soon as feasible. The remaining prints, namely on 4035, 4036, 4039, 4045, 4048, and 4049 will be forwarded as soon as received from the factory. It is believed by Mr. Lundahl that [REDACTED] while asking for duplicate negatives, would also find the prints extremely useful.

9. In connection with the foregoing discussion, may I call your attention to a change in processing procedure which developed out of your Boston meeting with contractors, a change directed toward providing earlier photographic evaluation reports by HTAUTOMAT to the Project (reference: [REDACTED] 20754, 29 October 1957, Tab C, procedure noted in red). (In this connection, I have to report that in the first case in which this new procedure to speed up the PER could be tested, namely, mission 6008, HTAUTOMAT was able to provide a PER to Operations within eight working hours after receipt of the original negatives.)

10. I wish to confess that inasmuch as HTAUTOMAT's DNs were reaching HTAUTOMAT as early as 7 September and running through at intervals up to 8 October on the Pakistan missions, I should have asked

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for that negative to go to [REDACTED] rather than waiting on [REDACTED] production. In all fairness to HTAUTOMAT, I should point out that HTAUTOMAT's "slack periods" have no bearing on the failure to provide materials more promptly to [REDACTED]

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Attachments (to be retd)

A. TCS-1932-57 cy 18

B. [REDACTED] cy 3

C. [REDACTED]-20754 cy 7

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